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## First legislation to tackle crypto kiosk scams advances in NC

Cryptocurrency kiosks, also known as Bitcoin ATMs, have been unregulated in North Carolina. That could soon change. Commonly found at gas stations and grocery stores, these machines convert real dollars into virtual currency. Fraud and scams associated with these machines have grown in recent years, officials

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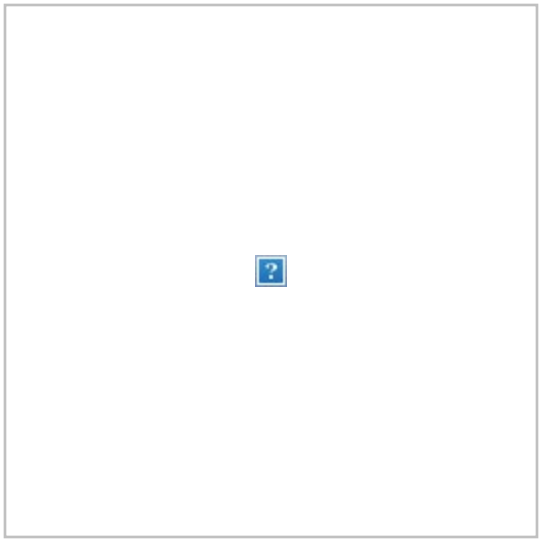

**Coordinated care drives $81 million in savings**

Kidney disease affects 1 in 9 North Carolinians and costs patients up to $100K each year. It's also difficult to manage without coordination between multiple

providers. Care becomes fragmented and patient health declines.

Blue Cross NC's Advanced Kidney Care program brings together a full team – nephrologists, dietitians, pharmacists, and social workers – to better support patients with chronic kidney disease. This coordinated approach helps slow disease progression, improve quality of life, and reduce unnecessary hospital care. The result? More than $81M in savings over four years, and better patient outcomes.

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## Dems plan post-midterm redistricting push

(*State Affairs National*) National Democrats are laying the foundation for a major push to redraw congressional district lines in new legislative sessions next year, counting on a promising midterm election landscape giving them a boost in the party's long-term hopes of maintaining control of the U.S. House. In a memo to donors and party operatives, the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Monday said the results of this year's state legislative contests could give the party a chance to draw new district lines in as many as 13 states, shoring up existing U.S. House Democrats and targeting more than a dozen Republican incumbents...

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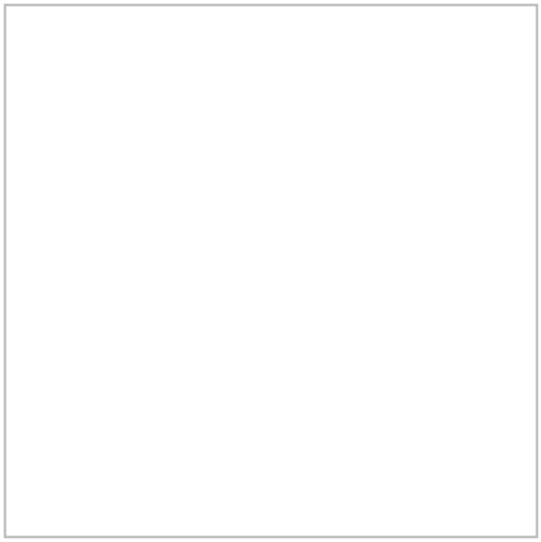

**Rural health gaps cost everyone**

Access to care shouldn't depend on ZIP code. But for millions of North Carolinians in rural communities, seeing a doctor can mean long drives and waits. When care is hard to reach, it hurts patients and drives up costs for everyone.

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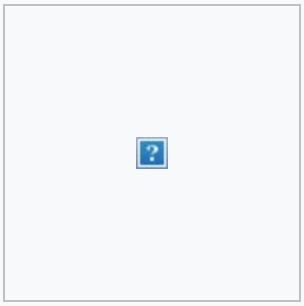

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